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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of : Caifang Yin

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/657,956

Examiner: Marc S. Alvo

Filed: September 9, 2003

For: EXTENDED RETENTION AND MEDIUM CONSISTENCY PULP TREATMENT

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.